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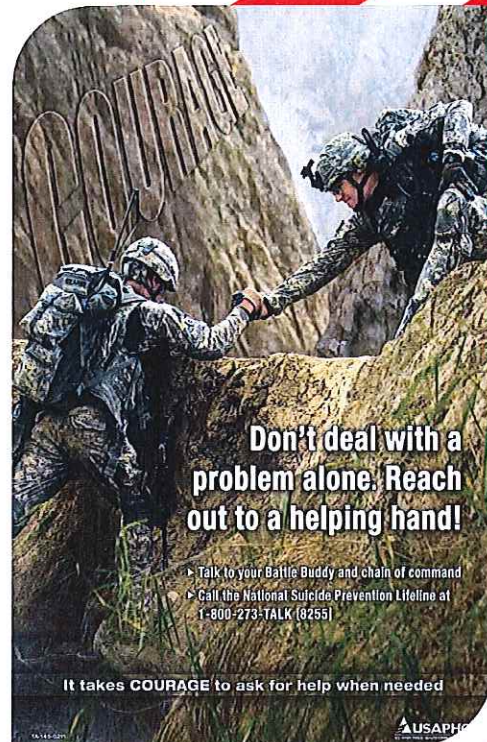


Red Border Alert Suicide Fatality

Synopsis

While still under investigation, preliminary report indicates the following: At approximately 3:45 pm on 6 June 2016, a 37 year old male officer was found deceased at his off post residence from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The Soldier's chain of command found him at his residence after checking on him when he didn't report for duty.

This is the 5th Fort Sill Soldier to commit suicide within the last two years. The ranks of the Soldiers were SPC, SGT, 2x SSG, and CPT.



Factors

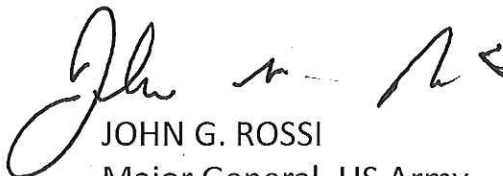
- Initial report is that alcohol may have been involved, as well as indications of elevated stress from relationship and work issues.
- Soldier was undergoing treatment from a behavioral health specialist.

Recommended Soldier/Leader Actions

- Leaders, disseminate and discuss this safety alert with your subordinates.
- February and July are historically the most dangerous months in the Army and Fort Sill for suicides; Leaders need to review their suicide prevention plans.
- Educate Soldiers and Civilians about anxiety, stress, depression, and treatment options; know your Chaplain and embedded behavioral health partners.
- Leaders will have an established plan for accountability and verify at-risk Soldiers are checked on weekends and holidays.
- Firearms are the most commonly used method of fatal suicides; know if your Soldiers own a firearm and take action based on the situation.

Additional Information

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Dial 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1** Text to **838255**
- US Army Suicide Prevention: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/HR/suicide/training.asp>


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